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TO: John Whitehead, Permit Supervisor/Reclamation
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FROM: Steve Cox, Reclamation Biologist *sc*

RE: Site Visit, Western Tar Sands, Inc., Raven Ridge
Project, ACT/047/016, Uintah County, Utah

On April 2, 1985, Ev Hooper, Tom Munson and Steve Cox visited the Raven Ridge Project located in Township 7 South, Range 25 East, Section 16. The purpose of the visit was to observe the site which is being reclaimed this spring. Ms. Lynn Davis, Administrative Manager for Western Tar Sands, Inc., had requested that the Division visit the site and make recommendations on the reclamation.

The site is covered by lease ML 22168 issued by the Division of State Lands & Forestry (DSL&F). The operator completed all the work on the site in 1981. This consisted of grading the road, laying cement foundations, leveling a pad, fencing the area and taking core samples. All work was halted in April 1982. The lease expired on January 1, 1985. A letter dated December 13, 1984 was sent to the operator from DSL&F outlining the reclamation procedures to be followed in accordance with the lease agreement and the mining and reclamation plan filed with the Division.

From our site visit, it was determined that the site was such a small disturbance that no problems would be expected if the reclamation plan was implemented as outlined. The only concern was that the spring seeding needed to be done immediately before the soil moisture was gone. On April 4, Lou Hart, President, Western Tar Sands, was contacted by phone to inquire about the timing of seeding. He stated that seeding would be completed by April 12 and possibly sooner. This was determined to be acceptable to the Division.

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It is recommended that this site be visited in the fall to determine if seeding was successful. If not, it will have to be reseeded during late fall of 1985 or early spring of 1986.

btb
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